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RE: MB DOCKET NO. 04-233

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that the FCC is considering a new broadcast service known as Low Power FM (LPFM). While this may be a good idea, I have some concerns over how this will affect an important service to my family and residents of our community.

The K-LOVE Radio Network has, for many years now, provided family-friendly programming to the general public across the nation on many FM translators. These same translators will be lost to K-LOVE if LPFM stations are allowed to take priority over current FM translator services.

I believe the loss of these translator services to K-LOVE will be detrimental to the public at large for three reasons:

- 1. K-LOVE serves the local community by many community calendars and forums where churches and faith based organizations can announce upcoming events to the public. K-LOVE provide low to no-cost airtime for these events that otherwise would not receive any press or airtime from conventional media outlets.
- 2. Were K-LOVE replaced with an LPFM broadcaster providing other programming, the effect to the local community would be devastating. Churches and other faith-based organizations would be forced to spend advertising dollars that could have otherwise gone to help the needy to further their causes and announce upcoming events.
  - K-LOVE, which offers family-friendly programming, from music to daily commentary, could be replaced by low budget LPFM stations where aspiring shock-jocks could bombard the local community with indecent programming that would be degrading to women and work to weaken the family unit and traditional American values.
- 3. K-LOVE is an important service provided to the public. Evidence of its importance to the public can be best seen by its supporters, the listeners. Since inception, K-LOVE has been listener supported and continues to do so today, in spite of increased cost of operations. I believe it is in the public's best interest to keep stations such as this, provided through FM translators, to provide a balanced family-friendly alternative to the

likes of existing and aspiring shock-jocks and other liberal media outlets that would seek to take over these translators via LPFM for profit and self gain. Listener supported K-LOVE serves in the public's best interest whereas an LPFM operator would be forced to place profits ahead of all else. Being listener supported, K-LOVE does not suffer this conundrum and provides a safe alternative on the radio dial that my family tunes into everyday.

I hope that you will take my opinion into consideration when considering LPFM. Perhaps there is a workable solution available that would not place LPFM stations in higher priority to translators run by not-for-profit organizations. Perhaps if LPFM and translator stations were on an equal footing, we could have the best of both worls.

Best regards, Ryan & Vanessa Bates Murrieta, CA